HIGHLIGHTS

- Over the period February - June 2013 prices have decreased on average. From June to July of 2013, price remained stable, although some slight changes were observed. (-1.3% of decrease from May to June of 2013).
- Chokwe was the market with the highest food prices, while Milange was the cheapest.
- The average cost of the basic food basket increased by 5% compared to June 2013.
- Maize prices have decreased in the South and in the North and increases in the Centre.
- Cowpeas decreased countrywide with more prominence to the Centre.

I. FOOD PRICE INDEX

Region

Slight increase of the Food Price Index (FPI) was recorded for the South and the North on a month-on-month basis (June-July 2013) by 0.4% and 0.3% respectively. Over the same period the FPI decreased by 0.3 % in the Centre.

Despite the general stability of the FPI, prices have continued increasing in some markets.

Out of the 25 monitored markets, 9 have recorded price increases on a month-on-month basis (June-July).

FPI trend for each region points out that the North and the Centre (FPI 100) of Mozambique are more expensive than the Centre (FPI 96).
Monitored Markets

In July 2013, Chokwe (in the South) was the market with the highest monthly price increase (FPI at 116), while Milange (in the Centre) experienced the lowest FPI (86), i.e. the cost of the food basket in Milange is 26% cheaper when compared to Chokwe market. (Other values in the chart below)

II. COST OF THE BASIC FOOD BASKET

Region

In July 2013, the average cost of the food basket is 7,476.00 MZM, i.e. an increase of 5% compared to the cost in June 2013, based on SIMA data.¹

The highest cost of the basic food basket was observed in the South and the Centre, while the South region experienced the lowest level.

On a month-on-month basis (July – June 2013) the highest increased of the cost of the food basket was observed in the Centre (10%), whereas the lowest percentage change in the North (2%).

¹ The calculation of food basket considered the following products: rice, maize flour, beans, groundnuts, oil, sugar, dried fish and green leaves. Given that maize is the most consumed cereal by households, the cost of FB was calculated assuming that households will buy maize grain and will process manually.
Monitored Markets

The highest decrease of the food basket cost from June to July 2013 was observed in Alto Molocue by -9% (in the Centre) and the highest increase was observed in Chimoio (17%). In general, the cost of food basket is continuing going slightly down from June to July 2013 countrywide. (Other values in the chart below)

![Cost of the food basket by market - July 2013](image)

III. PRICES OF FOOD PRODUCTS

### Regional averages and market price range - July 13

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**Maize**

From June to July 2013, maize prices have decreased in the South (by -5%) and in the North (by -2%) and while in Centre have continued increasing by 12%. The observed decrease of maize price in the North is driven by the harvest that is still ongoing in the North.

In July 2013, the maximum price of 12.7 MZM/Kg was observed in Maputo market while the minimum was registered at Lichinga market (6.9 MZM/Kg). Compared to July 2012, prices of maize grain have increased significantly (from 8.34 MZM to 9.36 MZM, i.e. 12%).
Maize meal

For July 2013, maize meal prices have continued to be slightly cheaper in the South (31.8 MZM/kg) against 35.0 MZM/Kg in the Centre and the North. In the South and the Centre the prices increased by 2% compared with last month (June 2013) and decreased by -5% in the North. Similar to maize, the current maize meal prices are higher compared with same period of last year (by 9%).

Rice

In July 2013, price of rice was slightly cheaper in the Centre (27.3 MZM/Kg) compared with other region (28.1 MZM/Kg in the South and 28.8 MZM/Kg in the North). The current price of rice is cheaper compared with the last 5 years average (-7%) but higher by +4% compared with the same period of last year.

Cowpeas

In July 2013, the prices of cowpeas decreased countrywide with more prominence to the Centre where decreased by -19% followed by the South (by -6 %) and the North (-5%). Normally cowpea show wide
range price variation, from 12.0 MZN/kg in Alto Molocue to 53.7 MZN/kg in Cuamba. The July 2013 cowpea prices are cheaper compared with the last 5 years average (by 13 %) and higher by 1 % compared with same period of last year.

**Beans**

Contrary to cowpeas, the current prices of beans increased countrywide: in the North with 64 % of increment, followed by the Centre with 13%. Beans prices are higher by 9% compared with the last 5 years average and much higher by 24% compared with the same period last year.